Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I take that till this year Government had not spent anything on the roads in Chennamangalam ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—We have spent about Rs. 359 and 650 on repairs.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government own any portion of these roads ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Some portion we have acquired. But the major part of the roads I think belong to the Paliyam.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know what is the extend of the roads owned by the Government ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is about a mile.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What is the average width of the road ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is about ten feet.

Representation of Backward and Depressed Classes in State Service.

83. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what exactly is being done by the Government to give adequate representation in the services to the backward and depressed communities of the State;

(b) whether the Government has any fixed policy in the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) In the matter of fresh appointments preference is given as far as possible to the backward and depressed class communities.

(b) Vide answer to (a).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can I have any more definite idea regarding the expression as far as possible ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is impossible to foresee all the possible contingencies that might arise and it is hardly possible to give it by way of supplementary answer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What about the Public Service Commission ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That does not arise in this question.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the policy that is being pursued in giving representation to unrepresented communities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Preference is given as a matter rule. I do not know whether there has been instances here and there where this rule has been violated. If there are instances there must be particular reasons.

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Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know whether there is any definite rule of rotation in this matter giving representation to unrepresented communities just as we have in British India?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are no rules on this subject.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know whether the Government have any principle in filling up posts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The order is that they should be given almost always. No proportion has been fixed.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know if that rule is adhered to?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Certainly it is.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—What will be the percentage of violation of the rule?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have no information of any instances when the rule has been violated. If there are any instances which the members have in mind I will note them and enquire.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the Government have any objection to fix a proportion as far as recruitment is concerned till the balance is restored?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That will be one of the points for consideration.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Do they intend to have any fixed rule about it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I take it if one of the depressed classes with the minimum qualification applies for a post he will be preferred?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is the rule.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—So the minimum qualification will suffice?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I should think so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Which are those exceptional cases?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is what I want the members to point out. How can I answer without knowing the specific cases.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether in a case where there is a member from the unrepresented communities with the minimum qualification for the post applying for one vacancy and there are applicants from represented communities even with higher qualifications what will be the attitude of the Government in such a contingency?

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President.—That is purely a hypothetical case.

Recruitment to the subordinate Public Service in Mysore.

84. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether its attention has been drawn to the revised rules of recruitment to the subordinate Public Service in Mysore published on page 5 of the Daily Edition of the Hindu of 4th July 1934 under the heading 'Service Commission for Mysore Government Order'.

(b) has the Government any objection to adopt the rule therein mentioned regarding the appointment of backward and depressed communities candidates in the recruitment to the services namely to reserve 3 out of every four vacancies to qualified candidates from these communities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) Government are considering the question of laying down rules in the matter of recruitment of candidates to Government service. The point will be kept in view when these rules are formulated.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How is the answer "the point will be kept in view when the rules are framed" is consistent with the former answer given by the Hon'ble Secretary to question 83?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is quite consistent. I do not understand the inconsistency at all?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The Hon'ble Secretary denies to have any fixed rule?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have not denied. I said that there are not at present any definite rule?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know for what length of time the Government would be considering the question of laying down definite rules?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It has been under consideration for about 18 months.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it in any way near completion?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Final orders have not been passed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—When can we expect it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot give an exact date.

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